



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



APRIL 8, 2013 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of April 1, 2013. Combs, Brown and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 8:59 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the Agenda as submitted and the April 1, 2013 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to update them on the current activities of the County Road Department. The County received a letter from NDOR regarding 4 bridges in the County which have been Selected to be scheduled for a Special Inspection by the NDOR. These bridges have been rated at a level 3 or below. The inspections are done by Mainelli Wagner & Associates. Warren discussed with the Board the 4 bridges listed and their locations. Warren informed the Board that last week he had the Blade guys out with the graders, however it was still pretty wet in some spots. Half of the concrete project has been done at the Bostwick Shop. They have completed work on the dirt road project located on Road N, between Section 36, T3N-R6W and Section 1, T2N-R6W. Two road employees are continuing the work on the flex markers for county roads. Warren informed the Board that they have the trucks & pups in the Nelson shop getting them ready to haul gravel. They are working on the Hardy shop bathroom this week. The road guys are working on the dirt grading work for Project C-65 (302), Nelson Precinct between Sections 29 & 30, T3N-R7W, Nuckolls County. The road guys are getting ready for the Trailblazer RC&D, Hazardous Waste Collection at the Nelson Road Department on April 13, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Warren discussed with the Board the Twin Valley Weed Management, Little Blue River Riparian Project. Warren let the Board know that the new skidsteer would arrive the first part of May.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Agreement to Allow Project for Invasive Plant Control and River Restoration with Nuckolls County for County owned property located under county bridges and right-of-ways along the Little Blue River. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Vicki Ensign, County Treasurer and Diane Wehrman, Clerk Magistrate met with the Board to submit their March 2013 Board Reports. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to accept the County Treasurer and County Court March 2013 Board Reports as submitted. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Wehrman also showed the Board the bags which she had ordered for the County Law Day being held on April 30, 2013 for all 5th graders in the County.

Ensign requested to change the Courthouse hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She noted most officials and employees are in favor of this change. She is requesting this to be put on the agenda for next week, Monday, April 15, 2013. The Board will take under advisement.

Clerk Kassebaum announced she has ordered new Plat/Tam Books for Nuckolls County. They should be in by end of April or the first of May.



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The Board held a bid letting for bids submitted for the Courthouse Lawn Service and the Lawn Mowing for the Abandoned Cemeteries. Two bids were submitted. The first bid received is from Whitmore Lawn Service of Superior for the Courthouse Lawn Care. The bid was for \$165.00 per mowing once a week and four applications of fertilizer, also the sprinkler system maintenance and the trimming of bushes and hedges at no additional cost. Whitmore will provide spraying for weeds at \$450.00 per application twice a year. The seconded bid is from Chris McClure for the lawn mowing at the abandoned cemeteries for Mt. Zion, \$110.00; Smith \$60.00; Oxbow \$60.00; Union \$90.00 and Bostwick \$135.00.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to accept the bid from Whitmore Lawn Service for the mowing of the Courthouse Lawn once a week for \$165.00 plus 4 applications of fertilizer, sprinkler system maintenance and trimming of the bushes and shrubs, with an additional \$450.00 twice a year for spraying for weeds. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to accept the bid from Chris McClure for the abandoned cemeteries as submitted except the Bostwick Cemetery. Combs, Brown and Corman all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Ensign has requested to have her heat setting changed from 74 degrees to 76 degrees and to have her fan speed turned to auto. The Board agreed to change the temperature 2 degrees and set the fan speed to auto.

Dave Meyer, Meyer Insurance and Kyle Kollmorgen of Kollmorgen & Associates met with the Board to discuss the County Employee Medical & Dental Insurance renewals. Also present is Tim Schmidt and Royce Gonzales for the Nuckolls County Insurance Committee. Mr. Kollmorgen discussed Narrow Networking with PPO Providers. Currently the County has Midlands Choice Standard. With Narrow Networking, Midlands Choice offers Premier. With Midlands Choice Premier there are lower costs in claim pooling and discounts offered on individual claims. Currently the only TPA given the authority in Nebraska is RCI. With Midlands Choice Premier, the Standard package is also given when there are no approved providers available locally. Discussion was also held regarding the new requirements with Health Care Reform deadline of January 1, 2014. As the County is under 50 employees and are partially self-insured, they do not have as many regulations to abide by. Discussion was also held on the costs for administration fees.

Meyer also requested permission to offer the County Employees an alternative to the current voluntary insurance allowed to be paid through payroll. Currently the County allows Aflac and Colonial Life supplemental insurance plans to be offered to the employees. It was noted these insurance plans are personal policies of the employees and are not supported financially by the county. The County only allows the employees to pay the premiums through payroll and tax deferred. Meyer requested a copy of the billings. The Board denied this request, noting this information is private and would require permission from the employee. The Board offered Meyer a time to visit with employees during business hours, at their discretion. A time will be announced at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 11:23 a.m. until Monday, April 15, 2013.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk